HOUSE BILL 3859

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AN ACT to amend Chapter 392 of the Acts of 1901; as amended by Chapter 198 of the Private Acts of 1947 and Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 2001; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Board of Electric Light and Waterworks of the City of Morristown, Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 392 of the Acts of 1901 as amended by Chapter 7 of the Private Acts of 2001 and any other acts amendatory thereto is amended by deleting the following sentence:

Said utilities commissioners shall have charge and supervision of the electric light and water works systems of the corporation and with prior approval of city council, telecommunications, natural gas, ISP and CATV services and any other utility service, except sewer, and shall have full power to make all contracts necessary to the operation thereof, employing such help as may be necessary, and fixing the salaries of all employees, and fixing rates for such services, and through their secretary, collect the same, it being the intention hereby to make said utility commissioners a separate and independent body for the performance of duties of the positions to which they are elected.

and substituting therefore the following sentence:

Said utilities commissioners shall have charge and supervision of the electric light and water works systems of the corporation and with prior approval of city council, telecommunications, natural gas, ISP and CATV services and any other utility service, and shall have full power to make all contracts necessary to the operation thereof, employing such help as may be necessary, and fixing the salaries of all employees, and fixing rates for such services, and through their secretary, collect the same, it being the

intention hereby to make said utility commissioners a separate and independent body for the performance of the duties of the positions to which they are elected.

Section 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds vote of the governing body of the City of Morristown before June 1, 2012. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Morristown and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

Section 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this Act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 2.